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CONGRATULATING HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ISD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, faculty, and staff from Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District on receiving the prestigious honor of being named the Top District in the State of Texas by Education Resource Group.

Education Resource Group looks at the 200 largest districts in the state, which enroll the majority of students who attend Texas Public schools. Giving careful consideration to academic, demographic, staffing, and financial information, they determine the award recipient. The award measures the relationship between operating expenditures and student achievement.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD. The district strives to provide an exceptional education to its students, and has received national recognition for its outstanding academic, athletic, and fine arts programs. The district maintains a high quality faculty and staff who host a learning environment that promotes character, achievement, and personal responsibility.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent many of the students, faculty, and staff of Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD in the 26th District of Texas. Their outstanding educational standards set a great example for all academic institutions. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING JAVIER LOPEZ, M.D.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my dearest friend and mentor, Javier Lopez, M.D., whose advocacy, love and devotion on behalf of his second family—all of us privileged to be in his care—has made our lives stronger by not only his medical brilliance, but even more significantly, by his kindness, wisdom, compassion, and selfless service in healing our broken bodies and broken hearts.

As a life long advocate on behalf of the poor, the isolated and the elderly, Dr. Lopez lives the principles of his Roman Catholic faith by serving as an instrument of peace and hope every day, as he has done for nearly 50 years along Broadway Avenue. His vocation of healing will continue, as his practice evolves from his daily routine on Broadway Avenue to continuing his missions of medical miracles, ministering to the poor of Colombia, Honduras and to places in the world where medical resources are few yet the need is great.

As a young man, Dr. Lopez journeyed to Cleveland from his homeland of Medellin, Colombia, to complete his residency at St. Alexis

Hospital—saying farewell to his family, friends and to the rich culture of Colombia. The people of North and South Broadway were immediately taken by Dr. Lopez' integrity, kindness, compassion and humble nature, and he was also moved by the kindness and gratitude shown to him. Dr. Lopez could have set up his practice in any suburb, but he chose to remain on the tough streets of Cleveland, where he was needed the most.

For the past 50 years, Dr. Lopez' practice was entrenched with a rare and genuine love, concern, compassion and respect for every patient—young, old, of every race and of every economic background.

His most impactful work has been, and continues to be his service to the poor. In our country, where the uninsured are routinely denied health care, they found solace at the office of Dr. Lopez. He never turned anyone away for lack of insurance, nor inability to pay.

Dr. Lopez continues to be a champion of health care justice and reform. He is an outspoken activist in support of universal health care; he has fought diligently on behalf of his patients when crooked health insurers refused to pay, and he worked tirelessly to stop the closing of St. Michael Hospital. After St. Michael's ultimately fell to a system wrought with corruption and greed, Dr. Lopez could have moved his practice away from North Broadway—but it was never even considered—he stayed where he was needed the most.

Dr. Lopez' dedication to his patients is eclipsed only by his devotion to his family. His wife of more than 50 years, Nancy Lopez, has been and continues to be his strongest source of support, love and friendship.

His sons David and Daniel, David's wife Priscilla, his granddaughter Ana and his daughter-in-law to be, Carmen Nogales—continue to be the center and light of his world.

Dr. Lopez's office manager, Toni Maruszak, has been an invaluable and consistent source of support to Dr. Lopez for more than a decade. Her amazing memory, excellent organizational skills and ability to juggle a million things at once always ensured that the office ran smoothly.

More importantly, Toni's remarkable interpersonal skills and great sense of humor provided comfort and reassurance for countless patients during difficult moments.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of Dr. Javier Lopez. Despite his great achievements in medicine, he remains humble, grateful and virtually egoless. He offers the same kindness and attention to the homeless alcoholic as he does to the successful CEO. He is the heart and soul of Broadway Avenue—there is no one like him and he is irreplaceable.

His presence here has been a gift of healing and hope for countless people, including myself and my family—and will continue to be. Dr. Lopez walks shoulder to shoulder in the ranks of healers like Gandhi and Mother Teresa—guided by faith and a genuine belief in the words—"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

Vaya con Dios, mi amigo—de hoy, mañana, y siempre.

Go with God, my friend—today, tomorrow and forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record a "yes" vote for rollcall vote 671. I was present in the chamber on September 29, 2008, and thought my vote had been cast on the rule but was not counted.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. RICHARD E. REYES

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true patriot serving in our military, Sergeant Richard E. Reyes. Sgt. Reyes serves proudly in the United States Marine Corps, and hails from Sanger, California. He has recently been named the USO Service Marine of the Year, and I want to send my sincere congratulations.

Sgt. Reyes served as team leader with Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 6, which is stationed in Iraq. While serving in the Persian Gulf, Sgt. Reyes led his team on 70 combat missions and was instrumental in the capture of over 35 insurgents. During combat operations in July 2007, his platoon's base came under enemy attack with small arms and machinegun fire. Located just 250 meters from the ambush, Sgt. Reyes maneuvered onto a nearby rooftop, identified the insurgents, and relayed the enemy's location to the platoon commander.

He was still undetected by the enemy, and he and his team engaged the insurgent group with high explosive rounds, which reduced enemy fire on the base, but exposed his position on the rooftop. Sgt. Reyes was determined to end this engagement, which had been going on for 45 minutes. He then moved his team onto another rooftop and single-handedly directed attacks by U.S. jets and helicopters. After several attempts, the enemy's position was destroyed.

Just 3 days later, Sgt. Reyes again demonstrated superb leadership and courage when he engaged an insurgent from the rooftop of his platoon's base and directed a counter-attack. During the firefight, Sgt. Reyes and his team maintained their position and coordinated a diversion using artillery smoke. As a result of his initiative, perseverance, and dedication to duty, an additional two insurgents were captured in this engagement.

Sgt. Reyes is a Sanger High School graduate, and while he was there, he was a three sport athlete. He played for his school's water polo team in the fall, he wrestled in the winter, and swam in the spring. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 17. Sgt. Reyes is the son of Rosa and Gustavo Reyes, and he has two brothers and two sisters.

On behalf of all my colleagues in the House and Senate, I would like to congratulate Sgt. Richard Reyes for being named the USO

Service Marine of the Year, and thank him for his bravery on the battlefield. He truly exemplifies the courageous service of our men and women in uniform, and especially our United States Marines.

EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION OF  
DELAWARE WATER GAP NA-  
TIONAL RECREATION AREA CIT-  
IZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the House recently considered and unanimously consented to the passage of H.R. 7017, a bill to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) for an additional year. Both Representative CARNEY and I believe that this citizen action group serves as an important liaison between National Park Service Officials and park neighbors.

Communication is the key to addressing and resolving citizen concerns, and it is clear that residents and park users value the opportunity to respond to DWGNRA decisions and propose alternative ideas. I was proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation and I believe it will improve the communication process between park officials and the local community. The citizens of New Jersey should be confident in the ability of the Federal Government to hear and address their suggestions.

The Delaware Water Gap region has a turbulent history, one marked by improper government interference and Federal invasion of the rights of property owners. Realizing this, my predecessor, Representative Marge Roukema, authored legislation establishing a Citizen's Advisory Commission (CAC) in 1988. The CAC was reauthorized for an additional decade in 1998 and has served as a forum for the public to interact with park officials.

Due to the combined efforts of various Commission members and park officials, the Delaware Water Gap NRA has increased in popularity and sees millions of visitors each year. These visitors enjoy the beauty of the scenery and the opportunity to participate in activities like hiking, canoeing, and swimming. I am confident that the CAC will continue to play a valuable role in preserving the splendor of the Delaware Water Gap for future generations.

The ability of local residents to communicate with Federal agencies has been one of my main focuses and I call upon the Senate to follow the House's example and pass this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida State University, FSU.

Address of Receiving Entity: 211 Westcott Bldg. Tallahassee, FL 32306.

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,400,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for Nanotubes Optimized for Lightweight Exceptional Strength, NOLES, project.

This project partners the Army Research Lab, five top U.S. defense companies and FSU's team of multi-disciplinary faculty and students to continue developing unique design, characterization and rapid prototyping capabilities in the field of nano-composite research. This research aims to make advances necessary in vital defense applications.

The U.S. Army's objective of developing effective personnel protection and lighter, stronger fleet of fighting vehicles may be achieved through nanotube research.

Department of Defense projects are always 100 percent funded by the U.S. Federal Government so there is no opportunity for matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of North Florida.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Direct Methanol Fuel Cell Development.

DMFC devices offer higher energy density, reduced weight, and extended run-time compared to conventional battery alternatives. The proposed project will develop, demonstrate and prototype a ruggedized DMFC powered laptop power supply. Leveraging advances in academic research, membrane development, and systems integration, a team comprised of the University of North Florida, UNF, PolyFuel and University of Florida, UF, will partner to develop a Direct Methanol Fuel Cell battery.

Network Centric operations demand longer run-time from laptop computers and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. Mobile electronic devices require increased run-time and operational flexibility to leverage the benefits of wireless operation, streaming video, and voice-data exchange.

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Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Nanotherapeutics.

Address of Receiving Entity: 13859 Progress Blvd., Alachua, FL 32615.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Accelerating Treatment for Trauma Wounds project.

The project goal is to evaluate doxycycline gel for its ability to expedite healing of open wounds among injured U.S. Army soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center when used in conjunction with other good wound care practices. Orally-taken doxycycline has been approved and marketed for decades for treatment of infections caused by susceptible microorganisms. When used in conjunction with, and not a substitute for, good wound care practices including wound cleaning and dressing, doxycycline gel has been shown to increase the incidence of wound closure and reduce the incidence of infection. This product has been approved for human testing.

There is a critical need for effective, low-cost, easy-to-apply treatments to address military trauma/open wounds. U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe trauma/open wounds must remain in hospital care for 6–12 weeks until the wound is sufficiently healed. The U.S. military community is seeking cost-effective and easy to apply treatments that can speed the rate of healing to 1–2 weeks.

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Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Address of Receiving Entity: 12506 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, FL 32855.

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Center for Excellence for Military Operations in Urban Terrain and Cultural Training, MOUT-CT, project at Camp Blanding, FL.

The R&D Center of Excellence for Joint MOUT CT will be at the FL National Guard Camp Blanding's existing MOUT site and will perform research, development, and testing of new MOUT technologies, focusing on Cultural and Unconventional Environments. The R&D Center will integrate these new capabilities into existing MOUT capabilities and make these capabilities available to the services' MOUT training programs. Soldiers and Marines will validate these new capabilities at the Florida's National Guard MOUT facility (Camp Blanding) in a holistic, immersive, urban and unconventional environment (Live, Virtual and Constructive). Once tested and integrated, these new capabilities will be available for fielding to all Services and CONUS and OCONUS MOUT training centers. The R&D Center for MOUT CT will be the centralized integrator for new and existing MOUT technologies and will function as the operational link between R&D and training requirements.

The R&D Center for MOUT CT will improve the training that Soldiers and Marines (and